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FOR OES/APT/SA, DEPT PASS TO OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,  
NASA HEADQUARTERS.

1. SHIGEMICHI SONOYAMA, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR FOR SPACE  
ACTIVITIES AT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA), HAS BEEN  
INFORMALLY APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIROYUKI OSAWA AS  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, STA. OSAWA  
HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE SHUN YASUO AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL,  
PLANNING BUREAU. SONOYAMA WILL BE REPLACED BY MUNEHARU  
SAEKI, DIRECTOR, KYUSHU DISTRICT MARITIME BUREAU.

2. RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, ONE OF SIX STA BUREAUS,  
HAS SEVEN DIVISIONS INCLUDING THREE SPACE-RELATED DIVISIONS:  
SPACE PLANNING, SPACE INTERNATIONAL AND SPACE DEVELOPMENT.

3. SONOYAMA JOINED MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (NOW MINISTRY  
OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS) IN 1949 UPON GRADUATION FROM  
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AT KYUSHU NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. IN  
1968, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF SPACE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AT  
STA, THEN CHANGED TO DIRECTOR OF SPACE PLANNING DIVISION,  
AND THEN LEFT STA TO HEAD DIVISION OF SPACE COMMUNICATIONS  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, RADIO REGULATORY BUREAU, POSTS AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY. IN 1976, HE RETURNED TO STA TO  
BECOME ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES. SONOYAMA  
IS 49 YEARS OLD.  
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